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MEMORANDUM

TO: J. L. Hearn
Edward F. Lawson
William E. Chicca

FROM: Arnold Schiffman *AS*

SUBJ: Southern Maryland Wood Treating Co.

We have a condition at this Company where:

1. Groundwater has been polluted by lagoons leaking phenolic wastes;
2. The polluted groundwater has in turn polluted a small stream;
3. Nearby shallow water wells show traces of these pollutants;
4. An old unsealed abandoned well on the property may pose a serious threat to deep aquifer systems;
5. Problems have existed for about 15 years. We have had a permit on this facility for over a year and not solved anything; and
6. The Company has picked up and left Maryland.

We have an agency commitment to the local people to do something. As a minimum, I want the following action taken:

1. Initiate procedures to bring the Company to court for violation of the terms and conditions of their State Discharge Permit (72-DP-0527). If this cannot be done then cancel the permit as it is not worth anything.
2. Initiate procedures to bring the Company to court for violation of Section 8-1413.2 of the Natural Resources Article. We have designated them as a hazardous substances facility and they have failed to apply for a permit.

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3. Initiate procedures to condemn the land and any appropriate structures or equipment left (which is not much) pursuant to Section 8-1413.2(n) of the Natural Resources Article.

I have scheduled a meeting on Friday, October 6th, D-4 Conference Room, 10:00 A.M., to discuss this further. Any recommendations as to other courses of action, in addition to the ones above, would be welcome.

AS:mw

cc: Herbert M. Sachs
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Lawrence Ramsey
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Raymond Schwartz
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